

1 CHAIRPERSON JAMES: Sonya Parada.

2 MS. PARADA: Good afternoon. My name is Sonya
3 Parada. I work at the Las Vegas Hilton as a guest room
4 attendant. I've been with the company for five years. I'm
5 originally from El Salvador and because of the situation in my
6 country I was forced to come to Los Angeles, California. For
7 five years I worked for a company earning minimal wage without
8 benefits. In 1991 they laid me off and I was forced to use
9 welfare and medicare. Later my brother-in-law told my husband
10 to come to Las Vegas. We decided to come and look for a job and
11 we got a union job. Now we have good benefits and I was able to
12 get out of welfare. Now I have a good health insurance for my
13 family and I make a better wage and benefits. As a good proof
14 of this great union job I was able to complete my brief which
15 were buying a house, a new car, and to give my kids a better
16 future. Thanks to the union job and the gaming industry.

17 CHAIRPERSON JAMES: Thank you. Uh-huh.

18 I know you are going to be tempted. They are all going to be
19 wonderful, so let's give them all an opportunity to speak.

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